

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 03-01-14**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 13, 2003  
Business Meeting: January 14, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2002.12.159 – NWE – application by NWE for Approval to issue Securities. (1/14/03)
2. N2002.12.155 – CenturyTel – Directory Assistance Service. (1/14/03)
3. D96.11.200, D2002.9.108, D2002.11.148, D2002.1.1, D2002.6.68, D2000.8.133, and D2001.6.75 – Qwest and: AT&T, New Edge Networks, MCIMetro, VarTec, Level 3, Continental F.S., and New Access Communications – Interconnection Agreements and Amendments. (1/14/03)
4. PSC – Telecommunications Service Standards. (1/14/03)
5. FCC 96-45 – PSC – FCC Non-Rural HCF (High Cost Fund) 10<sup>th</sup> Cir. Remand. (1/14/03)
6. PSC – Ex Parte Communications. (1/14/03)
7. Legislative Budget. (1/14/03)

**Other Meetings**

**1/13/03 – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Budget – Daily as Needed**

**1/15/03 – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Budget – Daily as Needed**

**1/16/03 – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Budget – Daily as Needed**

**1/17/03 – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Budget – Daily as Needed**

**1/17/03 All Day Stakeholders Meeting on SMD/RTO (Bollinger Room) – All Day**

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

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1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS      N2002.12.152      (LEROY)

On December 3, 2002, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 02-30, New Service Options for Wireless E911 Connectivity. The purpose of the filing is to introduce new service options for Wireless E911 Connectivity in Montana providing Phase I and Phase II Selective Routing/Automatic Location Identification (SR/ALI). In Phase I, if a wireless customer dials 911, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) is going to receive the caller's phone number and the cell site and sector from which the call is being made. Phase II is an upgrade from Phase I. In Phase II, the PSAP will receive the phone number, and in addition, the latitude and longitude of the caller which will enable the PSAAP to locate the customer within 100 meters.

2. Qwest Communications N2003.1.3 (Scott)

On January 2, 2003, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 03-01, Digital Switch Service (DSS), Uniform Access Solution (UAS), and ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS) promotion. Customers subscribing to DSS, PRS, and UAS will receive reduced contract rates. These bundled prices include the DS1 facility, 24 trunk connections, and with PRS it also includes the service configuration. This promotion will only be available where it is technically feasible to provide services and where facilities are available. Contracts must be signed by April 25, 2003, and the customer requested installation date may be no later than June 24, 2003. The promotional period is scheduled to run from January 27, 2003 through April 25, 2003.

3. Qwest Communications N2003.1.4 (Scott)

On January 2, 2003, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 03-02, ISDN Single Line Service. Customers subscribing to ISDN Single Line Service under a one, two, three, or five year rate stability agreement will receive the first month's service free. In addition, non-recurring charges will be waived. Customers will also receive Satisfaction Assurance. If service does not meet customers' expectations, service may be terminated without contract Termination Liability charges. Satisfaction Assurance is only available within the first 60 days following the installation date. If the customer terminates the service within the first 60 days following installation, the customer will be released from their contract and billed for the time they had the service during the second month. Contracts must be signed by May 2, 2003. The customer requested date may be no later than July 1, 2003. The promotional period is scheduled to run from February 3, 2003 through May 2, 2003.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 03-01-23**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2003.1.1 – Cut Bank Gas Company – Pass Through Rate Increase

D2003.1.2 – Town Of Westby

N2003.1.3 – Qwest – TT 03-01 – DSS, UAS, and ISDN PRS Promotion

N2003.1.4 – Qwest – TT 03-02 – ISDN SLS Promotion

D2003.1.5 – Qwest – VP Telecom Adopting Qwest's Interconnection Agreement